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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>CP</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/981,632
			<i>Filing Date</i>	October 18, 2001
			<i>First Named Inventor</i>	NAIR
			<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1725
			<i>Examiner Name</i>	JOHNSON, Jonathan J.
			<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	839-1060

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

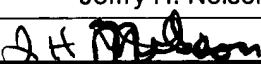
- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. Applicant claims "small entity" status.
- b. Fees are attached as calculated below:

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e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140			

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print Type)	Jeffry H. Nelson	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	30,481
Signature		Date	May 24, 2004

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING GENERATOR AND TURBINE
COMPONENTS

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April 5, 2004

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In conjunction with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and further
responsive to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Action of March 11, 2004, please amend the
claims and consider the following remarks:

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment previously paid for	20	(at least 20)	=	7	minus highest number			
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Independent claims after amendment previously paid for	5	(at least 3)	=	2	minus highest number			
				0	x	\$ 86.00	\$	0.00
If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)								
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00								
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims "small entity" status. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement filed herewith								
Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00)								\$ 0.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)								\$ 0.00
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